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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Lauritzen Eric

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC. [MERC]

(Month/Day/Year)

06/21/2006

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O SUITE 1790-400 BURRARD

(Street)

(First)

STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 3A6

(State) (Zip) (City) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Shares of Common

Stock

(Instr. 3)

06/21/2006

(1)

\$0 14,000 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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			4, and 5)								
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lauritzen Eric C/O SUITE 1790-400 BURRARD STREET X VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 3A6

Signatures

/s/ Eric 06/22/2006 Lauritzen

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Mr. Lauritzen was granted 2,500 restricted shares of common stock by Mercer International Inc. ("Mercer") in connection with his role as (1) an independent director of Mercer. These shares vest and become non-forfeitable on June 21, 2007, unless a change in control of Mercer occurs prior to such date, in which case such shares vest immediately upon the occurrence of such change in control.

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